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- 1. POLCOUNS CALLED ON ACTING DIRECTOR OF BILATERAL AFFAIRS OFFICE OF MFA POLITICAL DIVISION, PAAVO DEISALO, TO DISCUSS REF SUBJECT. POLCOUNS EMPHASIZED SIGNIFICANCE OF US ACTION REPEALING BYRD AMENDMENT AND USG DESIRE SEEK STRICTIST POSSIBLE ENFORCEMENT OF EXISTING SANCTIONS.
- 2. MFA OFFICIAL TOOK NOTE OF USG'S DEEP INTEREST IN THIS MATTER AND WILLINGNESS TO COOPERATE IN MAKING SANCTIONS AGAINST RHODESIA MORE EFFECTIVE. HE SAID THIS REPRESENTS IMPORTANT STEP FORWARD IN US SOUTHERN AFRICAN POLICY AND LENDS INCREASED CREDIBILITY TO USG STATEMENT ON SOUTHERN AFRICAN PROBLEMS.

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3. HE SAID FINLAND IS -- AND HS BEEN SINCE THE END OF THE 1960'S -- IN FULL COMPLIANCE WITH THE UNSPONSORED EMBARGO OF RHODESIA. FINNISH REGULATIONS PROHIBITING TRADE WITH RHODESIA ARE BASED ON LEGISLATION APPROVED BY THE FINNISH PARLIAMENT AND CARRY CRIMINAL PENALTIES. KEISALO SAID GOF BELIEVES ITS SANCTIONS ARE COMPLETELY EFFECTIVE.

4. KEISALO DID NOT VOLUNTEER GOF WILLINGNESS TO COOPERATE WITH USG IN EFFORTS MAKE ENFORCEMENT ENDEAVORS MORE EFFECTIVE, AND HAD NO INITIATIVES TO OFFER IN THAT RESPECT. HOWEVER, HE LEFT IMPRESSION THAT GOF WOULD CONSIDER WITH INTEREST ANY SPECIFIC INITIATIVES WHICH USG MIGHT PUT FORWARD. HOUSTONG

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